

Genealogical Treasures

Numerous genealogical treasures reside at Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. The Genealogy Collection is one of five major collections in the Law and Research Library. It contains over 15,000 items: books, journals, and other formats of information for all 50 states as well as foreign countries. The other collections in the Law and Research Library Division contain state and federal documents, maps, and law materials for all states. The History and Archives Division houses Arizona resources from before Arizona even became a territory. Our library also provides free access to the Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest databases from computers within the library.

Genealogy Collection

Included in the Genealogy Collection are family histories, general indexes, journals, ship passenger lists, atlases, and biographical encyclopedias. The largest collections contain materials about Pennsylvania, Virginia, Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, and the New England States. The medium sized collections are Maryland, New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina, Kentucky, Kansas, and Missouri. Some of the earliest items include the Barbour Collection; published archives for Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania; the Colonial Records of Connecticut and Georgia; the Vital Records of Rhode Island 1636-1850; *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*; the *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York* (17th century records); and the Michigan Pioneer Collections 1877-1907. The *American Genealogical-Biographical Index*, a set of 226 volumes, is in the collection. The collection has materials on military records for the Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, and Indian wars. The Filby's *Passenger and Immigration List Index*, *The Famine Immigrants*, *Germans to America*, *Italians to America*, *Swedish Passenger Arrivals in NY 1820-1850*, *Dutch Immigrants in US Ship Passenger Manifests 1820-1880*, *Czech Immigration Passenger Lists*, and the *Migration from the Russian Empire* series are other reference items available for research in this collection. (Genealogy Collection <http://www.lib.az.us/is/genealogy/>)

Law and Research Library Division

The Federal Documents Collection starts in the late 1800s and is the largest in the state. This collection contains material for genealogical research including General Land Office Records and regimental histories for various wars, for example World War II. The collection contains documents on migration routes our ancestors took, such as the Ohio River route. The Map Collection contains 80,000 maps including 26,000 for Arizona. Other resources include the Digital Sanborn Maps for Arizona and U.S. topographical maps. The State Documents Collection contains publications from territorial and state agencies. Found in these publications are names of miners killed or injured in mining accidents in Arizona, those licensed to practice medicine and sell real estate, and brand owners and brands. The Law Collection contains 200,000 volumes that can be used to find legal records such as probate records. Included in this collection are the

Pennsylvania Side Reports, a microfiche collection of local publications on the county level from the early 1600s.

(Law and Research Library Division <http://www.lib.az.us/is/>)

History and Archives Division

The Archives Collection holds 16,000 cubic feet of permanently valuable records that began with the creation of the Arizona Territory in 1863. Territorial and state agency records of material from boards, commissions, and departments as well as our executive, legislative, and judicial branches have been preserved. Local records include material from county and city governments. This information can assist researchers with many subjects: labor, water, law and disorder, the Great Depression, politics, and women's history. The Arizona Biographical Database contains over 100,000 entries. The Arizona History Collection covers materials related to Arizona and the Southwest, such as biographies of famous Arizonans. The Arizona Newspaper Project contains microfilm copies of more than 1,400 newspaper titles from over 175 cities and towns in Arizona. The Photograph Archives include private collections and images created by state and local government agencies.

(History and Archives Division <http://www.lib.az.us/archives/>)

Birth and Death Records

The Arizona Genealogy Birth and Death Certificates from the Arizona Department of Health Services is accessed at <http://genealogy.az.us.gov/> and provides records of births that occurred at least 75 years ago and deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago.

Online Library Catalog – Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

Access to the online catalog is at <http://www.lib.az.us>.